



CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
PLYMOUTH CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur, Commissioners Suzi Deal, Ed Krol, Nick Moroz and Tony Sebastian.

ABSENT: Mayor Oliver Wolcott was excused.

Also present were City Manager Paul Sincock, City Attorney Bob Marzano, Police Chief Al Cox and various City Department Heads.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following residents expressed concerns about the signs at 340 Joy St. related to excessive number of and limiting number of signs, limit temporary signs, property values, blight, public nuisance, harassment, and hope an acceptable solution can be found with ordinance revisions.

Victoria Nicol of 337 Joy

Karen Ochman of 768 Fairground

Jan Hiatt of 365 Joy

Jeffrey Longe of 690 Forest

David Workman of 496 Ann reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, August 7th.

Mark Oppat of 253 Blanche asked about the following items:

- If trees on the boulevard will be included in the plan for the upcoming development on Main & Union.
- If the number of required handicap accessible spaces at apartments would be increased to greater than 4%, which seems to be outdated.
- Hines Parkway access points- possibly have a ramp for bikers/walkers on Plymouth Rd. and Hines Park area.
- Wilcox Lake is not in good shape with algae, etc. and could use some cleanup.

Matthew Cutsinger of 1255 Penniman commented on the DTE work in the City and thanked the Commission and Administration for keeping up with it and keeping it a priority.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Deal and seconded by Commissioner Krol for approval of the Agenda for Monday August 6, 2018.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

4. ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of July 16, 2018 Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Special Event: Old Village Restaurant Crawl, 8/20/18

A motion was made by Commissioner Deal and seconded by Commissioner Moroz for approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, August 6, 2018.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur read a letter (shown below) from DTE regarding the electrical issues and what is being done. The letter is also available in the City's newsletter and on the website.

A Letter from DTE Energy

August 1, 2018

Dear DTE Energy Customer,

DTE Energy's recent service to your area has been unacceptable and does not meet the high standards we work to hold ourselves to.

We conducted an Open House in your area in mid-June and for many of you the problems have not improved since that time. The work we committed to you previously is work that needs to be done and is currently underway. However, it has become evident that it will not be sufficient to truly solve the service interruptions in the area.

Beyond the significant investments to upgrade and restore the substation, we had planned to spend about \$1M to upgrade key parts of the overhead system. The ongoing issues indicate that more work is needed and as a result we are immediately expanding the scope of work to over \$5M.

There are three key things that have led to the poor reliability in Plymouth:

We did not build or expand our infrastructure sufficiently to keep up with the growth in your area. Like many areas of the electrical system (here and across the country), the infrastructure is aging and needs to be replaced and upgraded.

Tree trimming is responsible for two-thirds of the time our customers are without power. In the City of Plymouth, we are well past due for tree trimming.

We will continue with the work we communicated in June which is:

Getting the substation that feeds the area entirely back to normal operations which will provide greater reliability and power redundancy in the area.

Upgrading two vital sections of the grid in the area. Within the next two months, work that has been underway for quite some time will be completed along Farmer and North Harvey streets. Another mile of upgrades is currently being designed for rebuild within the same area. Improvements in these two sections will provide more reliable service for all customers in the area.

In addition to the items above we will:

Conduct tree trimming on all circuits serving the City of Plymouth. Our tree trimming process starts with planners going door-to-door to talk to each resident about the work that needs to be done in their yard. If the resident is not home, the planner will leave a door hanger with his contact information.

As tree trimming is completed, we will do additional patrols to identify parts of the overhead infrastructure that are in need of repair and conduct those repairs. Some of these items have already been identified and fixed, many others will be more visible after tree trimming.

In parallel with the activities above, we are also conducting drone patrols of the two lines that feed the Plymouth substation and infrared patrols of the grid to identify any items in need of repair that are not visible from the ground.

We are working as quickly as possible, and expect that it will take us 9-12 months to complete all of the work outlined above. Service to the area should improve throughout this time but will not be up to our full standards until all work is completed. We will provide regular updates on work progress to City Officials who will pass this information on to you.

If power interruptions are needed to conduct any of the work, we will communicate in advance. The only exception would be emergency interruptions. In the event of an unplanned outage or power issue, we will communicate about the cause and estimated restoration time. Please log in to our DTE Energy website to ensure we have the accurate phone and email contact information for your account. We will also keep City Officials informed.

Improving service in your area is of utmost importance to me. I will be directly involved in ensuring our work is conducted as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience with us as we work to make things right in Plymouth.

Sincerely,
Heather Rivard
Senior Vice President, Distribution Operations DTE Energy

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur also spoke on the following items:

- Reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, August 7th.
- Confirmed that the development on Main St. at Union is a PUD and trees are included in the conversation.
- Commented on the sign issue, noting that that the citizen of concern is in compliance with the City's ordinance and we cannot provide details on the issue due to attorney/client privilege.
- Congratulated Commissioner Sebastian on the birth of his new grandson.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a) Transfer of Liquor License from Hermann's LLC to Hermann Hospitality Corp.

RES. #2018-69

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Liquor License Management Ordinance and this Ordinance requires that the Liquor License Control Committee (LLRC) review renewals of any Class C Liquor License; and

WHEREAS Hermann Hospitality Corp has requested that the City authorize a transfer of ownership of a liquor license from Hermann's LLC to Hermann Hospitality Corp, in accordance with the application received by the LLRC; and

WHEREAS The LLRC has reviewed the request and found that it meets the criteria established in the Liquor License Management Ordinance and has recommended approval to the City Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the request from Hermann Hospitality Corp for the transfer of a Class C Liquor License and various permits be recommended for approval to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m. for public comment.
Hearing no public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Pobur closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krol and seconded by Commissioner Deal for approval of the above resolution.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

b) Transfer of Liquor License from Escrowed Panache 447 LLC to Pakwaan LLC

RES. #2018-70

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a Liquor License Management Ordinance and this Ordinance requires that the Liquor License Control Committee (LLRC) review renewals of any Class C Liquor License; and

WHEREAS The owners of Pakwaan LLC have requested that the City authorize a transfer of ownership of a liquor license from Escrowed Panache 447, LLC to Pakwaan LLC, in accordance with the application received by the LLRC; and

WHEREAS The LLRC has reviewed the request and found that it meets the criteria established in the Liquor License Management Ordinance and has recommended approval to the City Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the request for the transfer of a Class C Liquor License, with various Permits be recommended to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. for public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Pobur closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deal and seconded by Commissioner Krol for approval of the above resolution.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

c) CDBG Funds Reprogramming

RES. #2018-71

WHEREAS The City Commission of the City of Plymouth did post and hold a Public Hearing for the purposes of transferring \$29,564.64 of previously allocated Community Development Block Grant Funds for the program year 2017 from ADA Public Facility Improvement to ADA Sidewalk Improvements; and

WHEREAS It was determined after the Public Hearing that the City Commission approves the recommended funding transfer from one project category to another as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Wayne County; and

WHEREAS The City Administration will publish an amended Notice of Determined Uses as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby approve the transfer of \$29,564.64 of funding from ADA Public Facility Improvements to ADA Sidewalk Improvements as noted below:

Transfer From:	
Public Facility Improvements-ADA	\$29,564.64
Transfer To:	
ADA Sidewalk Improvements	\$29,564.64
TOTAL Transfer	\$29,564.64

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth authorizes the Administration to publish the amended Notice of Determined Uses as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Wayne County.

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. for public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Pobur closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moroz and seconded by Commissioner Sebastian for approval of the above resolution.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

7. OLD BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) MML Annual Meeting

RES. #2018-72

WHEREAS Each year the Michigan Municipal League hosts an annual business meeting to discuss matters and to form policy related to local government; and

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has an opportunity to designate a voting delegate and alternate to the Business meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby designate Commissioner Ed Krol as the voting delegate to the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby designate Greta Bolhuis as the voting alternate to the Michigan Municipal league Annual Convention.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moroz and seconded by Commissioner Sebastian for approval of the above resolution.

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a) City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Krol reported on:

Zoning Board of Appeals: -Request for variance for side yard setback at 333 Sunset
-725 N. Mill Zoning Ordinance Interpretation: Sec 78-182 (12)-(Withdrawn)
-Recommending to the Planning Commission language change: Addition of FAR to residences in the Mixed Use District.

Old Village Association: -Attended monthly meeting on Wednesday Aug 1.

Plymouth Community Council on Aging: -Met with Bobbie Pummill seeking a common ground meeting with Don Soenen re: moving into PARC.

b) Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Pobur reported that Commissioner Sebastian would be filling a spot on the LLRC and she would be filling a spot as 35th District Court Liaison as a result of recent resignations.

The City Commission approved the appointment of Marques Thomey to the City Commission. Thomey was appointed to fill former Commissioner Dan Dalton's seat expiring in 2019. Commissioner Dalton submitted his resignation on July 11, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deal and seconded by Commissioner Krol for approval of the above appointment.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

Commissioner Thomey was sworn in by the City Clerk.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Pobur asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Thomey and seconded by Commission Krol for adjournment of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0